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SHAD HATCHING IN THE CONNECTICUT.
[From the Hartford Courant, July 25.]—For the following facts concerning the propagation of shad in this State this year we are indebted to Dr. Wm. M. Hudson, one of the Fish Commissioners.—The artificial hatching of shad at South Hadley Falls, under the direction of the Fish Commissioners of this State, during the present season has proved very successful. Operations were commenced on the 15th of June and continued one month. The total number of ova taken is estimated at 64,230,000, and as the number which fail to hatch is very small, it is safe to say that 60,000,000 young shad were produced from these eggs. About five million of the young fry were taken to Westport and placed in the Saugatuck River. In transporting this number from South Hadley Falls to the place of their destination, less than one hundred died, the remainder arriving in good order. About three hundred of the young were carried to the eastern part of the State and placed in the Pequonnock River, in the town of Groton. All the rest were turned into the Connecticut. The average length of time required for the hatching of the eggs after being placed in the boxes was four days, varying somewhat according to the temperature of the water. The shad were taken in a seine at night, the first haul being made at 8:30 p. m., and the two following at about 9:30 and 10:30 p. m. The number of ova taken per night ranged from 145,000 to 8,000,000, the average being about 2,920,000. About the 10th of June, before these operations commenced, a number of shad were taken in the evening and thrown into a large box, where they were left through the night. In the morning, on taking them out, some ova were noticed in one corner of the box in a moist place, and for the sake of the experiment they were carefully collected and placed in a hatching box in the river. A few of them proved to be impregnated, and young shad were produced from them. The fry were retained in the boxes for six weeks. They grew very rapidly, and after a few weeks some young fry just hatched out were placed with them, and it was noticed that these later soon disappeared. One of the Fish Commissioners of this State saw a few young fry placed in the box with those of five weeks old, and in a few seconds witnessed the fact that the older devoured the younger. Whether this may be considered an indication of the food of young shad, or was in this case the result of confinement, is an open question. These five weeks-old shad had increased three times in length, and probably ten times in weight since they were hatched. It is a well-attested fact that many shad were taken below the falls with a hook during the season, one man having taken thirty. They were taken with worms and flies, the majority with the latter. Only a few instances have been known heretofore of shad having been taken with a hook, three of which are mentioned by Frank Forester. The young shad hatched this year, or their survivors, will be fit for the table in three years.

PLANTS OF THE CACTUS FAMILY are principally confined to the Western continent, and although most abundant in tropical regions, some forms extend far into the temperate zone, and some species even have an alpine character. Back in his northern expedition, saw with astonishment the banks of the Rainy Lake, in latitude 40° 40', entirely covered with the prickly pear (*Opuntia vulgaris*). Humboldt found on the Andes several species of cactus on elevated plains from 9,000 to upwards of 10,000 feet above the level of the sea. Some have been gathered at an elevation of 13,600 feet, in size and height the different kinds present remarkable contrast. In Mexico and Arizona many kinds assume an arborescent form. Other kinds have a globular form, some with a diameter of three feet, and attaining a weight of 2,000 pounds while a cactus in South America is so small and so loosely rooted in the sand that it gets between toes of dogs.—*Entomologist*.

STUDY OF NATURAL HISTORY.—For many years it has been one of my constant regrets that no schoolmaster of mine had a knowledge of natural history. So far at least as to have taught me the grasses that grow by the wayside, and the little winged and wingless neighbors that are continually meeting me with a salutation which I cannot answer, as things are. Why didn't somebody teach me the constellations too, and make me at home in the starry heavens, which are always over head, and which I don't half know to this day? I love to prophesy that there will come a time when, not in Edinburgh only, but in all Scottish and European towns and villages, the schoolmaster will be strictly required to possess these two capabilities, (neither Greek nor Latin more strict), and that no ingenious little denizen of this universe be thenceforth debarred from his right of liberty to those two departments, and doomed to look on as it across grates fences all his life!—*Carlyle*.

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